

CIP BUDGET Expense Detail

DATE OF COUNCIL CONSIDERATION:
CONTACT DEPARTMENT(S):

3/20/14
Parks and Recreation Department

SUBJECT

Approve an ordinance authorizing the negotiation and execution of all documents and instruments necessary or desirable to purchase in fee simple five tracts of land totaling approximately 23.431 acres in Travis County, Texas, located along Old San Antonio Road, from Eric Arnold Wunneburger, individually and as executor of the Estate of Flora Wunneburger a/k/a Flora Wunneburger a/k/a Betty Wunneburger, deceased, and Gregg W. Wunneburger, for a total amount not to exceed \$885,000, authorizing the naming of the tract as the Wunneburger Park, and waiving City Code Chapter 14-1 requirements related to naming public property.

CURRENT YEAR IMPACT:

Project Name:	Land Acquisition - Wunneburger Estate
Project Authorization:	2013-2014 Capital Budget
Funding Source:	2006 GO Bond
Fund/Dept/Unit:	8603 8607 TBD

Current Budget	536,572
Unencumbered Balance	536,572
This Action	(536,572)
Estimated Available	<u><u>0</u></u>

Project Name:	Land Acquisition - Wunneburger Estate
Project Authorization:	2013-2014 Capital Budget
Funding Source:	Parkland Dedication Funds
Fund/Dept/Unit:	8720 8607 TBD

Current Budget	348,428
Unencumbered Balance	348,428
This Action	(348,428)
Estimated Available	<u><u>0</u></u>

ANALYSIS / ADDITIONAL INFORMATION: One of the top priorities in the Parks and Recreation Departments Long Range Plan and Travis County Greenprint for Growth is acquiring parkland along Onion Creek. The proposed 23.431 acre acquisition provides over a 1/4 mile of creek frontage and serves as a connection between existing parkland. While the lower portion of this property along Onion Creek serves as a connection between existing parkland the upper portion provides excellent opportunities for more active recreational facilities, such as open field play.

As a condition under the purchase and sale agreement, the owner requests that the tract of land be named as the Wunneburger Park. Mr. and Mrs. Wunneburger both served in the US Air Force as officers in World War II and the Korean wars. After retiring from military service, they purchased the land around Onion Creek building their last home they would both ever live in and raised their four sons on this piece of property. Arnold's love for the area motivated him to move a log cabin that he was born in from Bastrop County to the banks of Onion Creek but that was unfortunately lost to a major flood several years ago. Cattle and horse ranching, fishing, hunting, boating, and lots of extended family picnics were held in the beautiful setting on Onion Creek. Besides raising their sons, Arnold and Betty both held active lives post military retirement with Arnold teaching physics, science and math at Regan High School in north Austin and Betty spending many years as a nurse administrator at both Brackenridge and St. David Hospital, as well as assistant principal at Del Valle Schools.

The purchase price of \$885,000 is the current fair market value as determine by an independent third party appraiser.